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Mr. Jeffry Rodin
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10
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RE: Bremerton's Support of the Conclusions and Recommendation from the Engineering Evaluation and Cost Estimate (EE/CA) for the Bremerton Auto Wrecking Yard Landfill

Dear Mr. Rodin,

I'm writing to express my appreciation to the USEPA for taking a substantive first step toward correcting the environmental degradation from what is commonly referred to as the Bremerton Auto Wrecking Landfill. I support the recommendation to stabilize the landfill and install a new culvert under it to bypass surface water.

The existing culvert under the landfill is failing, which results in water impoundment during storm events. When the impounded water overtops the landfill, garbage is washed downstream onto City property. The City has been involved in many clean up actions over the years, exposing City staff and volunteers to risks of injury given the presence of hypodermic needles, broken glass and other garbage from the landfill. Along with the garbage, I understand other pollutants have been discharged from the landfill which affect both soil and water quality.

The recommended alternative presented in the EE/CA of stabilizing the landfill and installing a bypass line under it is both cost effective and permanent. I applaud you and your office for your good work in developing this alternative, and hope you are able to continue your efforts to pursue its implementation.

Please feel free to contact me any time I can be of assistance in this matter. I have assigned Public Works and Utilities Director Chal Martin, (360) 473-5755, Chal.Martin@ci.bremerton.wa.us, as the City's lead on this issue.

Sincerely,


Patty Lent
Mayor

C: Bremerton City Council President Jim McDonald